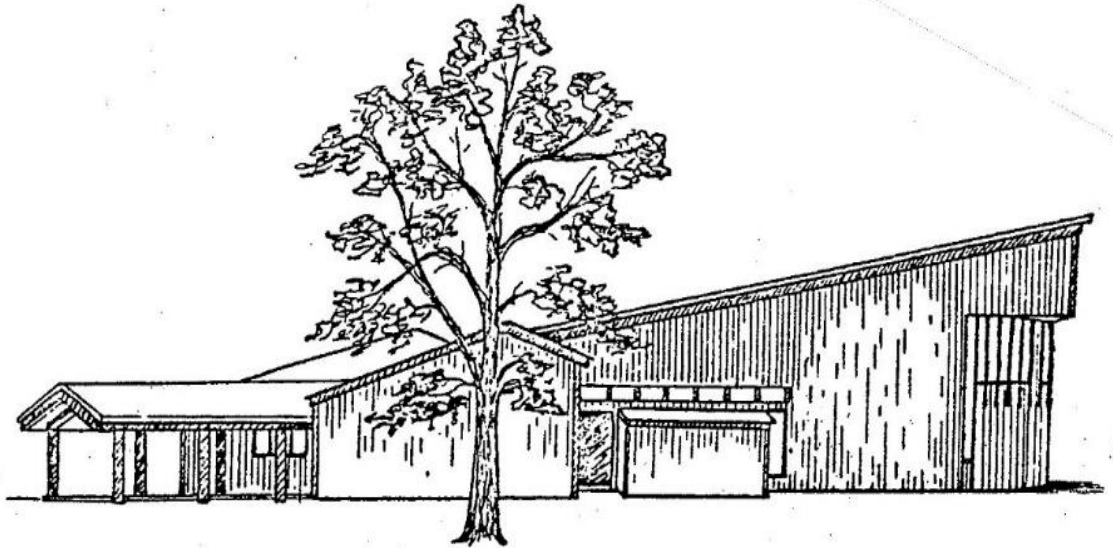


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
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Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to ALL who are gathered today. May we all know the love and mercy of God through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Please fill out a "Friendship Registry" card or sign your name in our "Guest Book" that is located in the entry way of our building. **If you are 'visiting' with us today, please make sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger.** As our 'special guest,' please do not feel obligated to contribute to today's offering.

Rest rooms are located off the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The nursery is located through the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to use our nursery, please ask an usher who will help you immediately. Hearing assistance devices are available. If you need anything, please ask an elder or an usher – both are happy to help you.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – We rejoice in this blessed meal as the Lord Jesus Himself comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul writes, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we specifically ask those who are not instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and/or doubt the 'REAL presence' of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the Pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. As a member church of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we practice "Close(d) Communion" and welcome to our communion rail those who are members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

PRESERVICE MUSIC – *please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*

OPENING MEDLEY – TOSB 167 "We Have Come Into His House"

1 Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;	2 Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.	Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

3 Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;	4 Serve Him, Serve Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.	Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

5 Crown Him, Crown Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Answer me when I call to You, O God my righteousness,

You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

Lord God, our Father, hear the silent prayers of your children who have gathered in Your house of worship and prayer;

(silence is observed for personal confession of sins to God our Father)

Lord God, our Father, now bend Your ear once more to hear the prayer we speak together as Your holy and beloved children:

Dear Father, we turn away from You when we should be turning towards You. Forgive us. We run from You when we should be running to You. Have mercy on us. We reject Your grace when we should be eagerly receiving it. Cleanse us of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit, draw us to the cross of our Savior Jesus, so that we may enter through the 'door of faith' and be gathered and welcome in Your gracious and forgiving presence.

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and with His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 17:1-7*

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to

Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:1-8*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 4:5-26*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John , the fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have

given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG – BOB 202 "Father Welcomes"

SERMON

"Are You Thirsty ... for Jesus?" Sermon Text: John 4:14

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Pastor ends each petition, "Lord, in Your mercy."

Worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."

Lord, remember in us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Silence is observed as the communion vessels are prepared, and for us to prepare to receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#1 TOSB 126 "Let Us Break Bread Together

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

[Refrain]

**When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]**

- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]**

#2 LSB 435 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

#3 LSB 611 " Holy Spirit, Light divine"

#4 LSB 680 "Beautiful Savior"

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: TOSB 75 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks Be to God.

Today

Elder: Bill Ritson

Pianist: Lois Zill

Altar: Rosie Wolbrink

Reader: Betsy Gill

Nursery: Judy Stroming

Ushers: John Nygren

Serving March 12th

Elder: Dennis Froehlich

Organist: Marilyn Theel

Altar: Kelly Coan

Reader: Bill Ritson

Nursery: Sharon Starks

Ushers: Warren Johnson & Jeff

In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; Dennis & Christine Froehlich (as the morn the passing of their great-niece Amy); Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Don Thorley; Warren Schrank; Eric & Devin Scuderi and Lois Zill.

OUR SHUT-INS: Steve & Linda Van Den Huevel; Larry & Sally Zupan

SERVING IN OUR MILITARY: Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Dreya Detry UW-Oshkosh; Gwyn Hanson UW-Marinette; Corinne Mulvaney SVSU; Nathan Krueger SNHU; Katelyn Krueger SVSU; Colin Nygren UW-Stevens Point; Samantha Pieper UW-Whitewater and Walker Stroming UW-LaCrosse.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY ADOPTED STUDENTS:

Justin Brockman; Jedidiah McClellan; Grant Thiel; Joel Werner

OUR MISSIONARIES: **Pastor Camp** (Russian Ministry)
 Rev. Schulte (Congo West Africa)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY: **Emma** (niece of Keith & Roxanne Mueller); **Cassie Nygren; the Hunt Family; Brenda Johnston** (daughter-in-law to Betsy & Roy Gill diagnosed with Leukemia); **Richard Johnston** (Brenda's husband and Roy & Betsy Gill's son); **Dave & Jan Krueger** (Traci Meyer's Parents); and **Pat Staudenmaier** (nephew of Sid & Maggie Meyer) **Hannah** and **Jordan Morel** (Hannah is the director of Bay Area Pregnancy Center.) She and her husband Jordan desire to become parents but have thus far been unable to become pregnant.

Birthdays This Week

Austin Wright	March 9
Linda Van Den Heuvel	March 10